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Chesapeake Bay – Thimble Shoal Channel

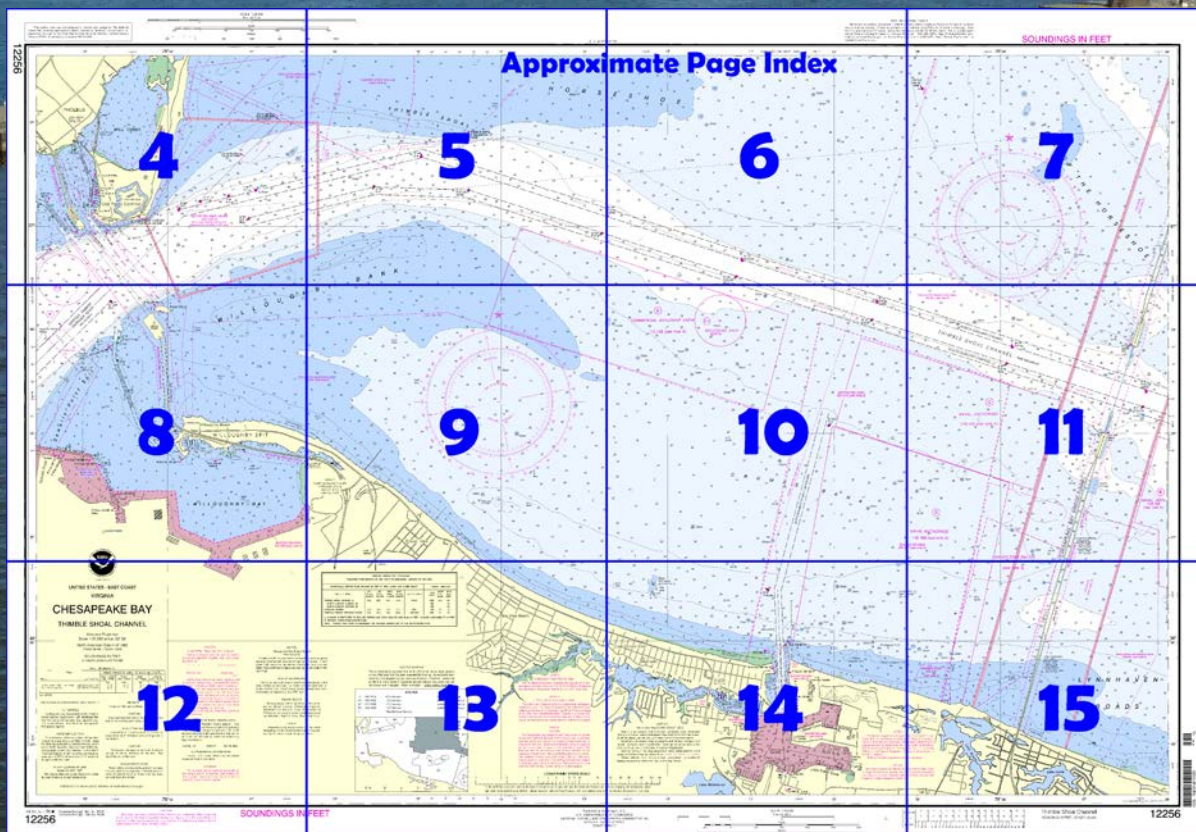
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Nautical charts are a fundamental tool of marine navigation. They show water depths, obstructions, buoys, other aids to navigation, and much more. The information is shown in a way that promotes safe and efficient navigation. Chart carriage is mandatory on the commercial ships that carry America's commerce. They are also used on every Navy and Coast Guard ship, fishing and passenger vessels, and are widely carried by recreational boaters.

What is a BookletChart™?

This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

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This BookletChart does NOT fulfill chart carriage requirements for regulated commercial vessels under Titles 33 and 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Notice to Mariners Correction Status

This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.

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(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)

Thimble Shoal Channel is a **Regulated Navigation Area** and draft limitations apply. A vessel drawing less than 25 feet may not enter the channel, unless the vessel is crossing the channel.

Little Creek is entered between jetties 8 miles westward of Cape Henry Light. Most of the creek comprises the **U.S. Naval Amphibious Base**; small craft use the west arm.

A dredged channel in Little Creek leads to a basin off the railroad terminal, 1.2 miles south of the jetties. In June 1998, the controlling depth was 20 feet in the channel and in the basin. The channel is marked by a **177°30'** lighted entrance range and by lights.

Little Creek Coast Guard Station is eastward of the railroad terminal. Naval **danger zones** and **restricted areas** extend northward from the vicinity of Little Creek to the edge of Thimble Shoal Channel.

Old Point Comfort is the site of historic **Fort Monroe**. The Chamberlin Hotel is an excellent landmark. **Old Point Comfort Light** (37°00.1'N., 76°18.4'W.), 54 feet above the water, is shown from a white tower. Only Government craft can tie up at the wharf on the south waterfront of Old Point Comfort.

A naval **restricted area** extends eastward and southward of Old Point Comfort, and a **danger zone** of an army firing range extends to seaward from a point 1.5 miles northward of the point.

Willoughby Spit is a narrow barrier beach 1.3 miles long in an east-west direction. About midway between the spit and Old Point Comfort, on the opposite side of the entrance, is **Fort Wool** which is on the south edge of the main ship channel; a light is shown from a small gray house on the north side of the island.

The 45-foot-wide small-boat openings in the south approach bridge to Hampton Roads Tunnel have clearances of 10 feet.

Willoughby Bank with depths of 3 to 7 feet, extends east-northeastward along the edge of the main channel for about 2.5 miles from Fort Wool.

Willoughby Bay on the inner side of Willoughby Spit, has general depths of 7 to 12 feet. On the south side of the bay are the prominent buildings of the Norfolk Naval Base and the Naval Air Station. A marked channel, 0.4 mile westward of Fort Wool, leads to a small-boat harbor behind Willoughby Spit. In August 2000, the midchannel controlling depth was 5.3 feet to Daybeacon 3, thence 10 feet to the harbor. Some supplies, fuel, and berthing are available.

The western and southern part of Willoughby Bay is a **restricted area**.

The northern part of the bay is a **small-craft anchorage**.

Naval and general anchorages are south of Thimble Shoal Channel. (See **110.1** and **110.168**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

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Naval **danger zones** and **restricted areas** extend northward from the vicinity of Little Creek to the edge of Thimble Shoal Channel. (See **334.310** and **334.370**, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

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Norfolk, VA

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Lateral System As Seen Entering From Seaward

on navigable waters except Western Rivers

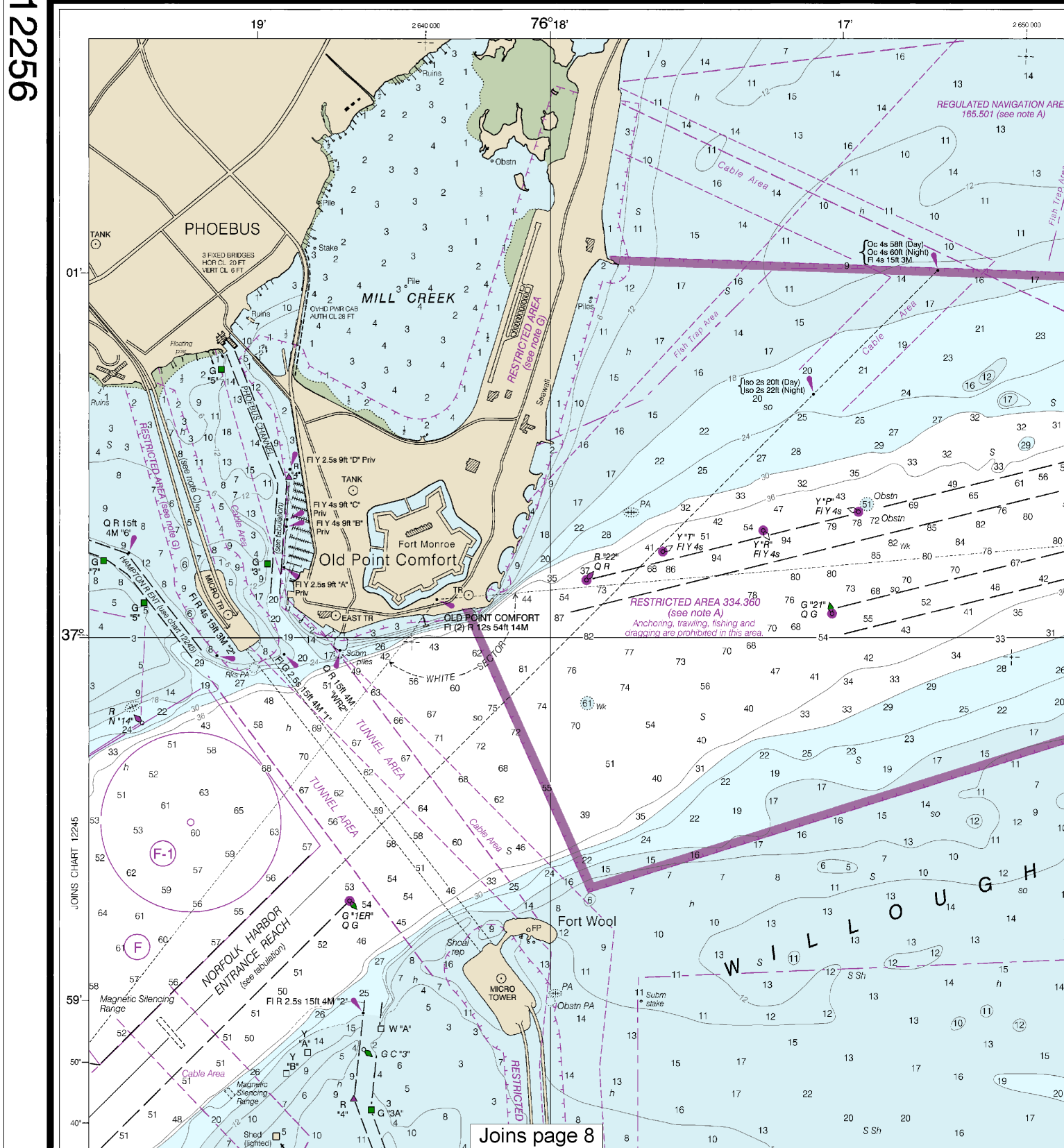
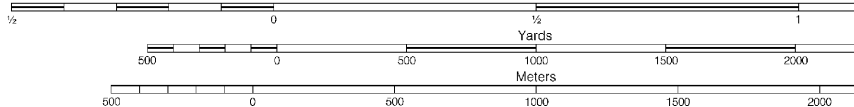


For more information on aids to navigation, including those on Western Rivers, please consult the latest USCG Light List for your area.

These volumes are available online at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov>

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Nautical Miles



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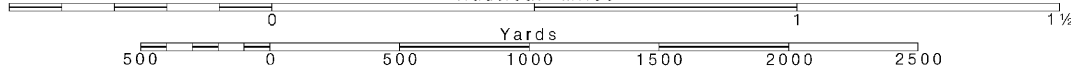
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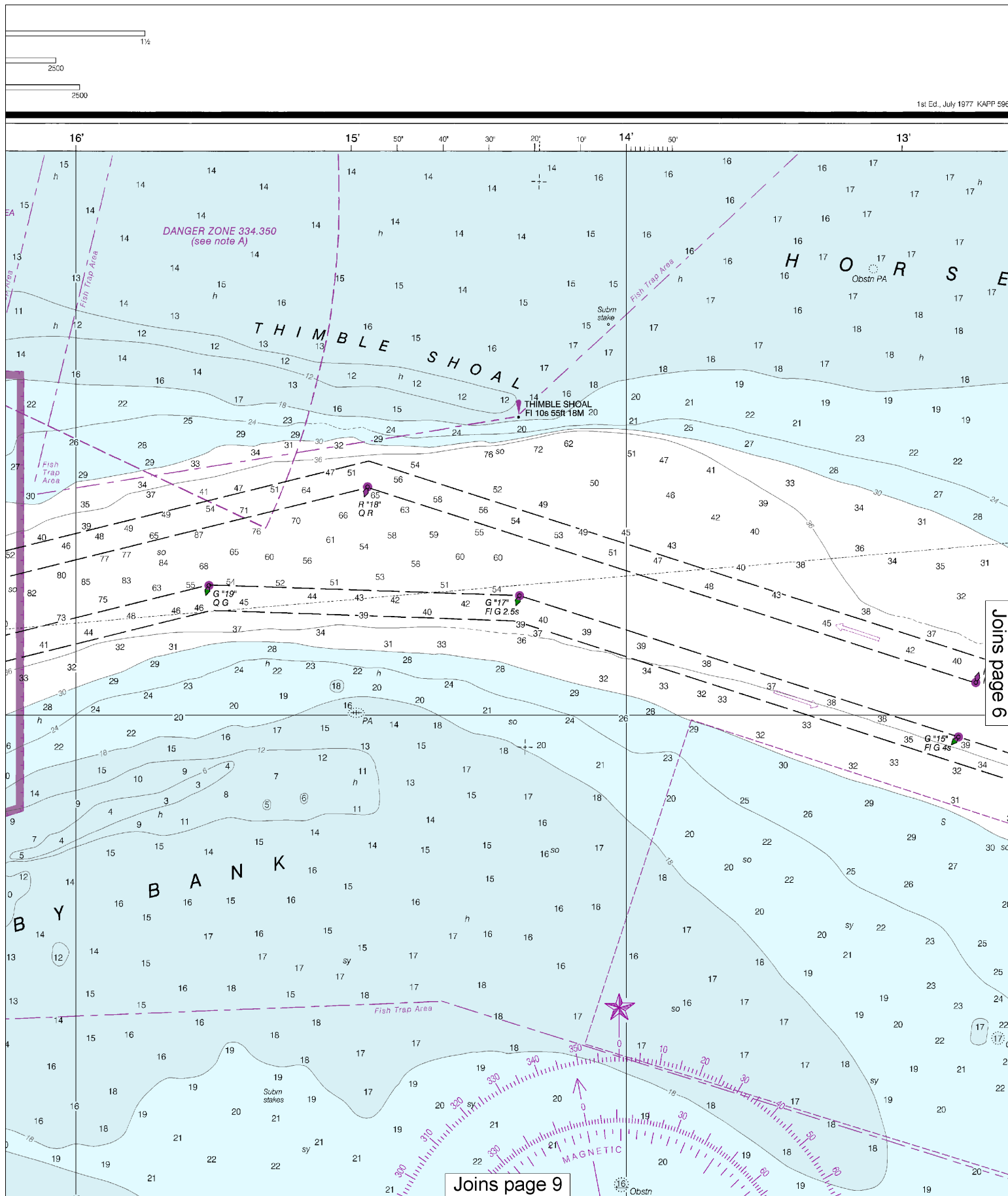
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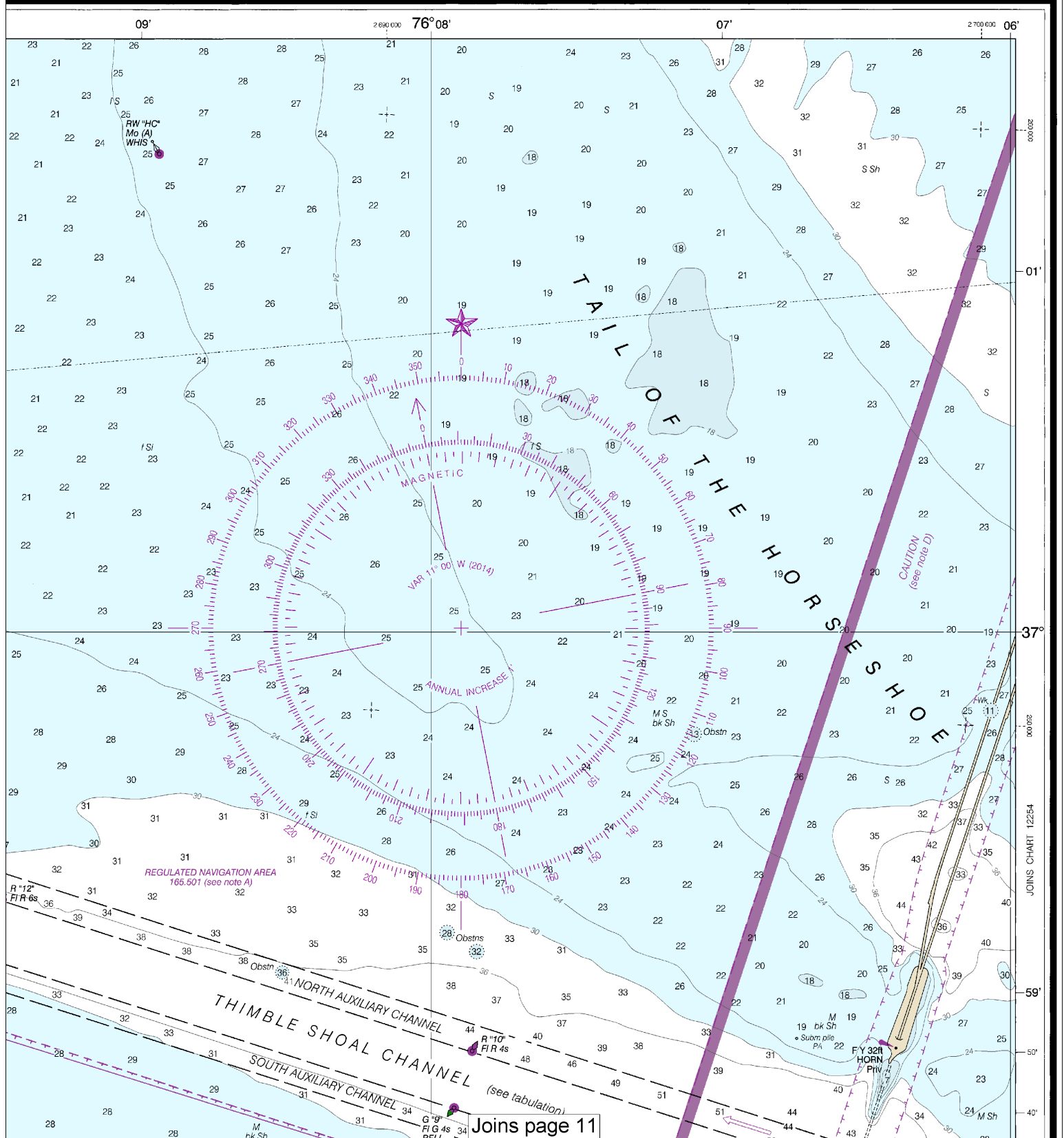
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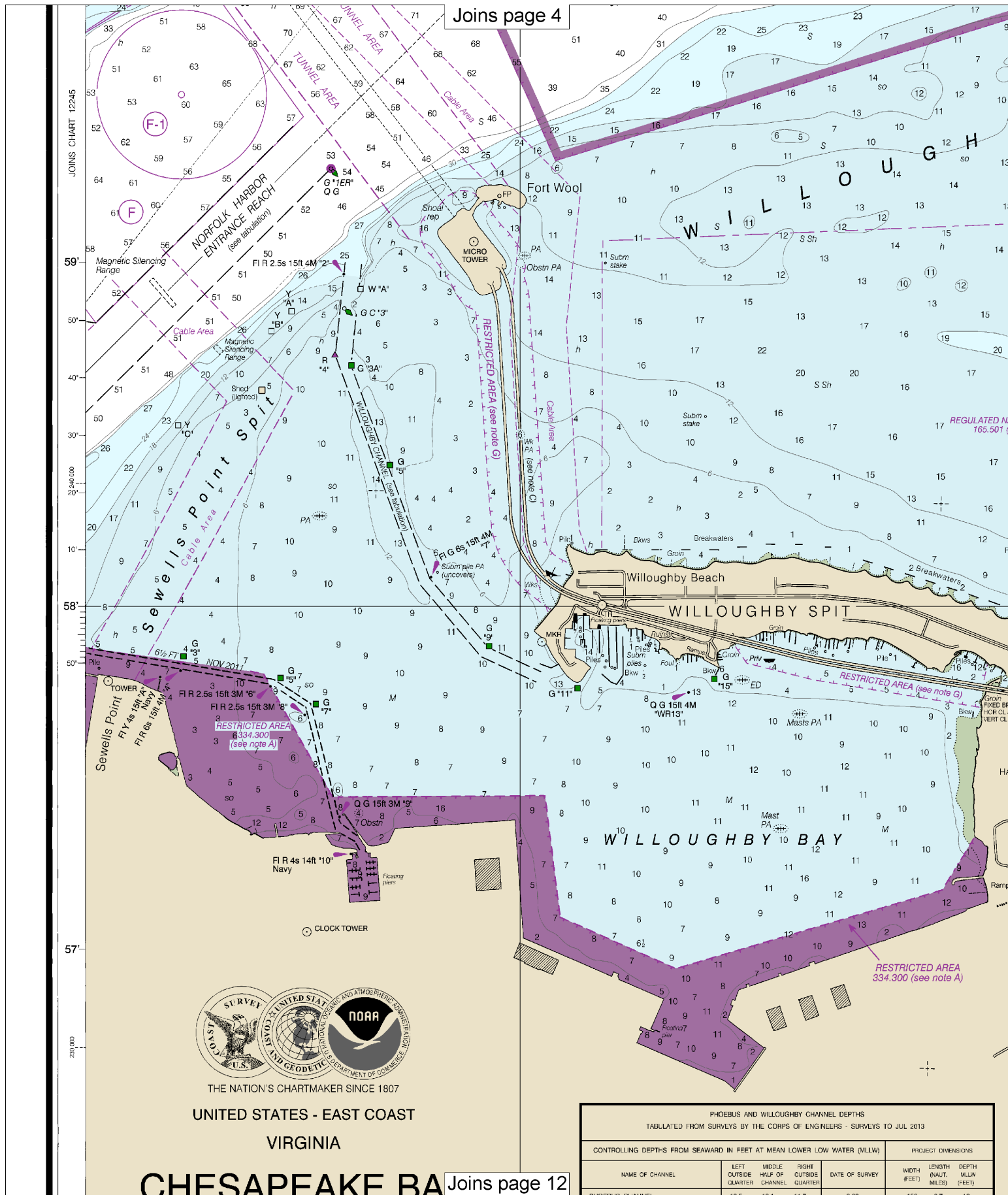
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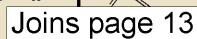
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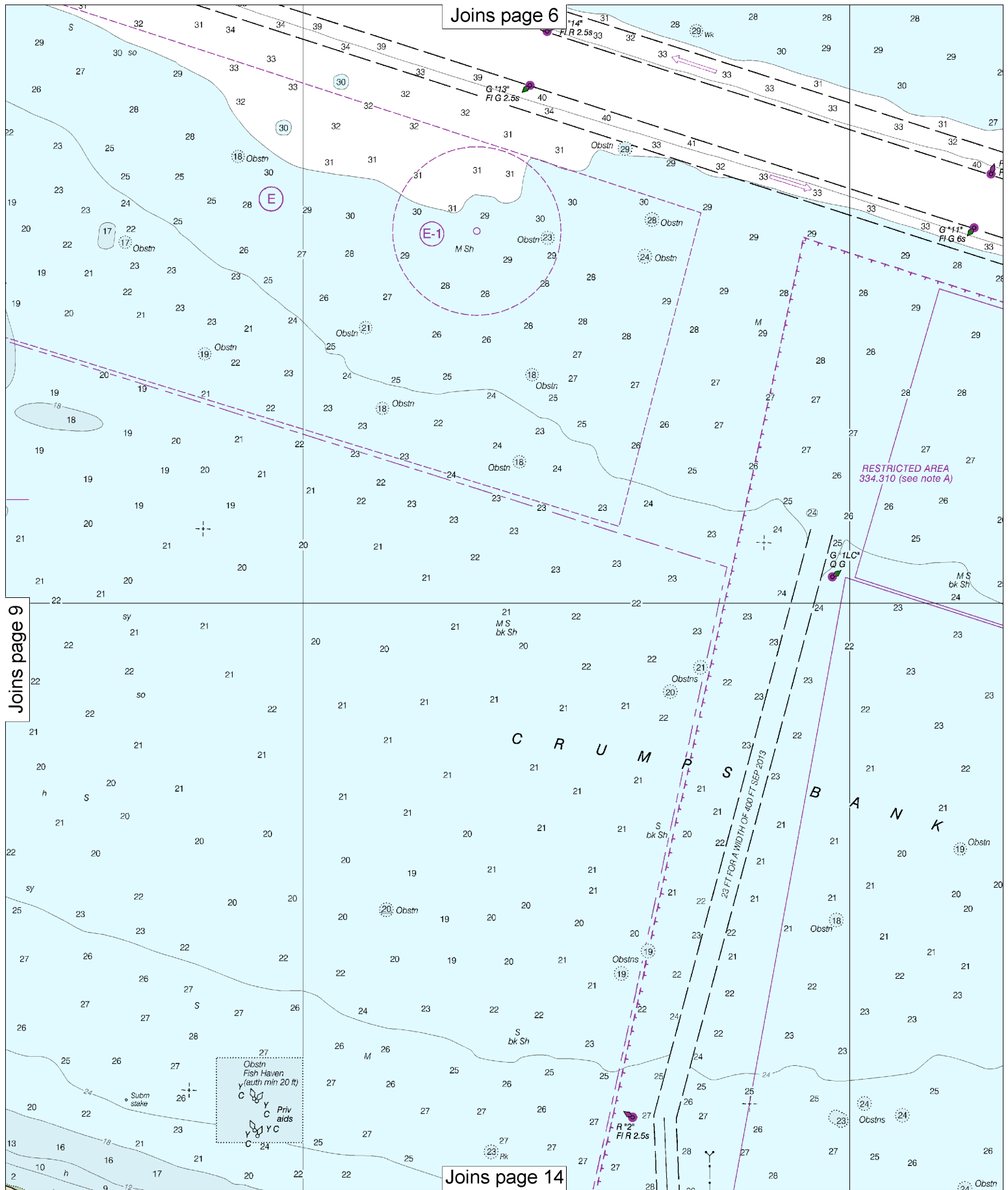


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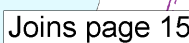


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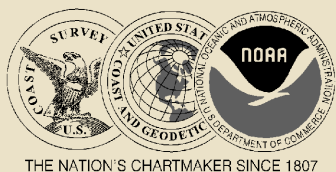
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UNITED STATES - EAST COAST
VIRGINIA

CHESAPEAKE BAY

THIMBLE SHOAL CHANNEL

Mercator Projection
Scale 1:20,000 at Lat. 36° 58'

North American Datum of 1983
(World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FEET
AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

TIDAL INFORMATION				
PLACE		Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW)		
NAME	(LAT/LONG)	Mean Higher High Water	Mean Low Water	Mean Low Water
Old Point Comfort Little Creek		feet	feet	feet
	(37°00'N/76°19'W)	2.8	2.6	0.1
	(36°55'N/76°11'W)	2.9	2.7	0.1
Dashes (---) located in datum columns indicate unavailable datum values for a tide station. Real-time water levels, tide predictions, and tidal current predictions are available on the Internet from http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov .				

For Symbols and Abbreviations see Chart No. 1

AUTHORITIES
Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey, U.S. Coast Guard, and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.

HORIZONTAL DATUM
The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which for charting purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 0.530" northward and 1.214" eastward to agree with this chart.

PLANE COORDINATE GRID
(based on NAD 1927)
The Virginia State Grid (South Zone) is indicated by dashed ticks at 10,000 foot intervals.

Additional information can be obtained at nauticalcharts.noaa.gov.

HEIGHTS
Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

CAUTION
Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION
Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation.

CAUTION
Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See Local Notice to Mariners.

RADAR REFLECTORS
Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

PHOEBUS AND WILLOUGHBY CHANNEL DEPTHS TABULATED FROM SURVEYS BY THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS - SURVEYS TO JUL 2013							
CONTROLLING DEPTHS FROM SEAWARD IN FEET AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER (MLLW)					PROJECT DIMENSIONS		
NAME OF CHANNEL	LEFT OUTSIDE QUARTER	MIDDLE HALF OF CHANNEL	RIGHT OUTSIDE QUARTER	DATE OF SURVEY	WIDTH (FEET)	LENGTH (NAUT. MILES)	DEPTH MLLW (FEET)
PHOEBUS CHANNEL	12.5	12.1	11.7	6-03	150	0.7	12
WILLOUGHBY CHANNEL	2.0	2.9	9.7	7-13	A300	1.4	10
A. CHANNEL WIDTH MAINTAINED AT 200 FEET SOUTH OF 36°58'43.0"N, 76°18'39.5"W.							
NOTE - CONSULT THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR CHANGES SUBSEQUENT TO THE ABOVE INFORMATION							

A. CHANNEL WIDTH MAINTAINED AT 200 FEET SOUTH OF 36°56'43.0"N, 76°18'38.5"W.
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CAUTION
SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES
Charted submarine pipelines and submarine cables and submarine pipeline and cable areas are shown as:



Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and submarine cables may exist within the area of this chart. Not all submarine pipelines and submarine cables are required to be buried, and those that were originally buried may have become exposed. Mariners should use extreme caution when operating vessels in depths of water comparable to their draft in areas where pipelines and cables may exist, and when anchoring, dragging, or trawling. Covered wells may be marked by lighted or unlighted buoys.

NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS
The NOAA Weather Radio station listed below provides continuous weather broadcasts. The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at high elevations.

Norfolk, VA KHB-37 162.550 MHz

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 3 for important supplemental information.

WARNING
The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

NOTE A
Navigation regulations are published in Chap Coast Pilot 3. Additions or revisions to Chapter 3 listed in the Notice to Mariners. Information concerning regulations may be obtained at the Office of the 5th Coast Guard District in Portsmouth, Virginia. Office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, Norfolk, Virginia.
Refer to charted regulation section numbers

POLLUTION REPORTS
Report all spills of oil and hazardous substance to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephonic communication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

RACING BUOYS
Racing buoys within the limits of this chart are not shown hereon. Information may be obtained from the U.S. Coast Guard District Offices as racing and other private buoys not all listed in the U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

NOTE F
Vessels should use extreme caution when navigating in Little Creek Harbor due to frequent and unannounced naval diving operations.

ANCHORAGE AREAS
110.168 (see note A)
Limits and designations of anchorage areas are shown in this chart.

- (B) (C) (D) NAVAL ANCHORAGE
- (E) COMMERCIAL EXPLOSIVES ANCHORAGE
- (E-1) EXPLOSIVES HANDLING BERTH
- (F) (F-1) GENERAL ANCHORAGE

CAUTION

This chart has been corrected from the Notice to Mariners (NM) published weekly by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and the Local Notice to Mariners (LNM) issued periodically by each U.S. Coast Guard district to the dates shown in the lower left hand corner. Chart updates corrected from Notice to Mariners published after the dates shown in the lower left hand corner are available at nauticalcharts.noaa.gov.

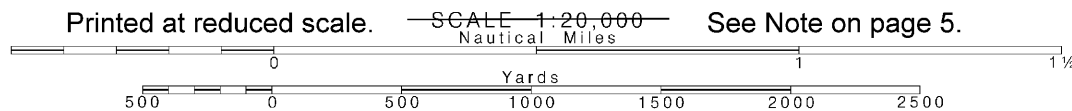
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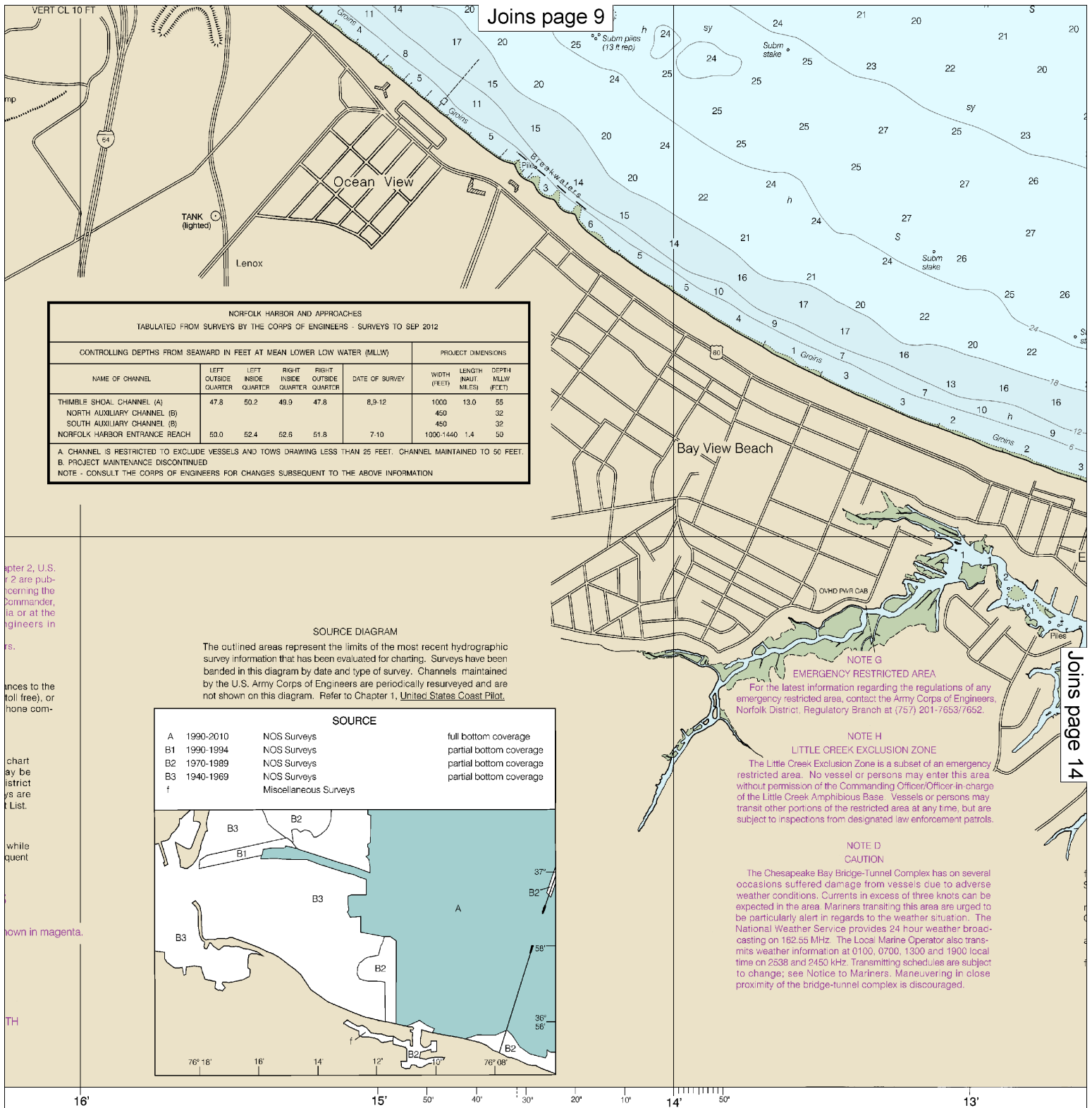
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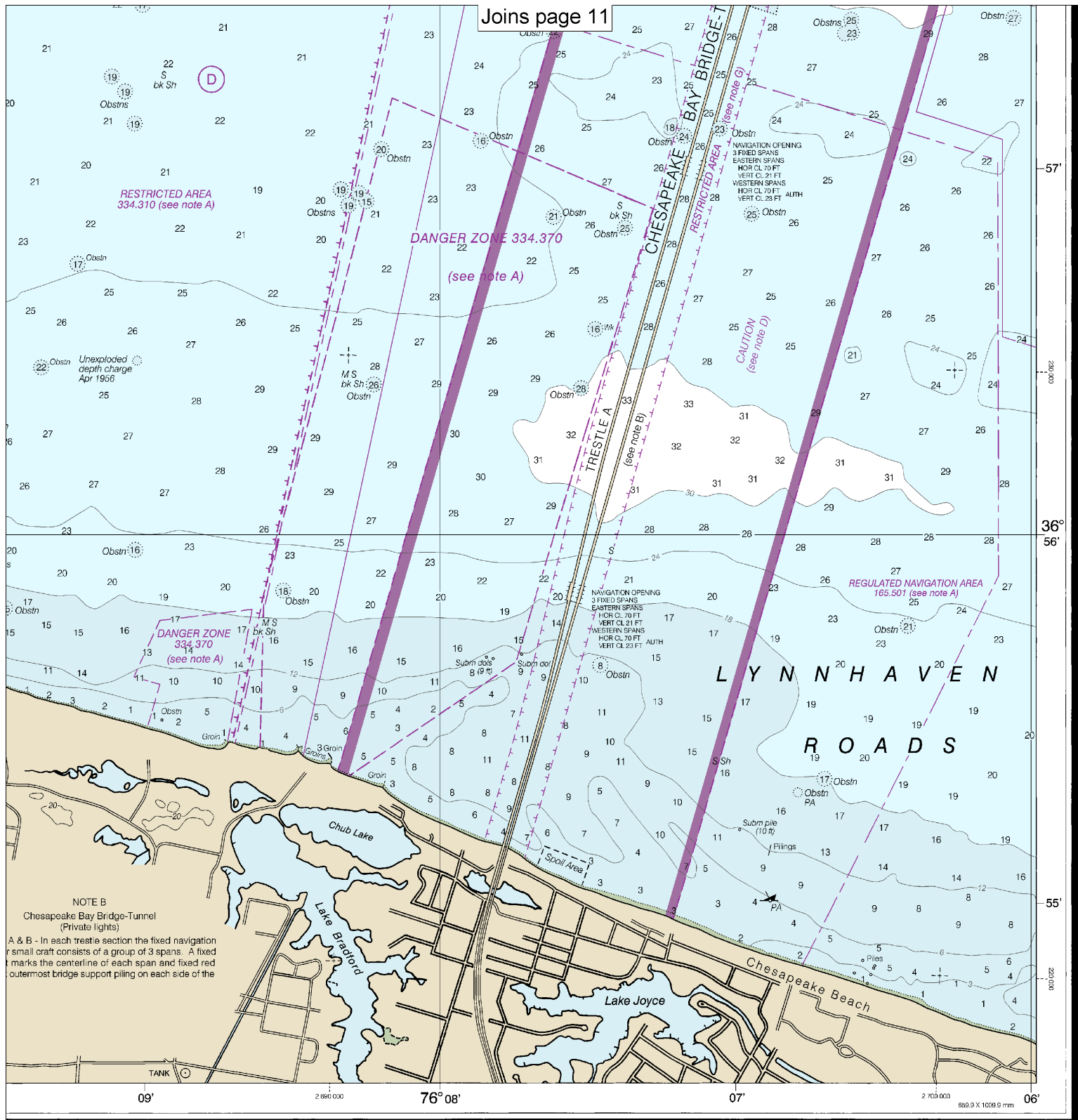
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EMERGENCY INFORMATION

VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

Channel 6 – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A – Recreational boat channels.

Getting and Giving Help — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.

Distress Call Procedures

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
- Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds — If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!



NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR) is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from the nearest National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts official Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/>

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